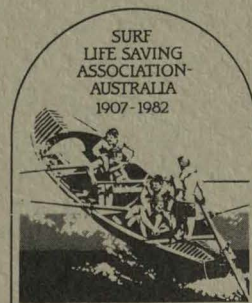


SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

**SYDNEY BRANCH
SURF LIFE SAVING
BOARD OF CONTROL**

33rd ANNUAL REPORT



75TH ANNIVERSARY

1981 - 82 SEASON

6.

Election of Officers

The Chairman declared all positions vacant. Mr. W. Marshall the Branch President took the chair for the election of Superintendent. The following Officers and committees were then elected.

Superintendent
Deputy Superintendent
Honorary Secretary
Examination and Instruction Supervisor
Carnival and Competition Supervisor

Trevor Elliott ✓
Ron Howells ✓
Steve Strange ✓
Bernie Kelly ✓
Ron Day ✓

No. 1 District Supervisor

Frank Osborne ✓

No. 2 District Supervisor

~~Bruce Bradner~~ ✓

No. 3 District Supervisor

Barry King ✓

No. 4 District Supervisor

~~Charlie Matthews~~ ✓

No. 1 Assistant District Supervisor

Alan Thompson ✓

No. 2 Assistant District Supervisor

~~Mick De Luca~~ ✓

No. 3 Assistant District Supervisor

~~Gary Bennett~~ ✓

No. 4 Assistant District Supervisor

~~stood over~~

Honorary Board Gear Steward

Perce Ainsworth ✓

IRB Supervisor
Radio Officer
JRB Supervisor
Helicopter Director

Harry Brown ✓
John Wardall ✓
Grant Sewell ✓
Peter MacCormick

(promise that he Qualifying
25 Helicopter Exam)

Committees First named to be concenor.

Manual Revision (3 to be elected)

R. Howells. ~~P. Carney~~, ~~G. Thompson~~, ~~E. Stephens~~
(C) ✓

Meritorious Awards (7 to be elected)

R. Davison, R. Sargeant, K. Rowsell, R. Howells, A. Moseley, W. Gray, K. Andrews
(C) ✓

Resuscitation Research Instruction and Medical Panel (7 to be elected)

F. Osborne, E. Stephens, M. DeLuca, ~~P. Carney~~, ~~B. Bradner~~, ~~C. Matthews~~
~~G. Thompson~~, ~~R. Ford~~, ~~K. Solomonson~~

Gear Inspection Panel (16 to be elected)

(C) N. Dixon, J. Connolly, K. English, R. Williams, G. Smith, R. Davison, K. Midson,
R. Sargeant, F. Osborne, G. Hewett, ~~H. Miller~~, ~~J. May~~, ~~JRB~~, ~~RADIO~~, ~~IRB~~
~~A. Moseley~~

7. Motions on Notice

7.1 Moved S. Strange/

That the Board recommends to the Branch that a charge of
\$100.00 be placed on Clubs of the Branch for holding open carnivals at their beaches.

YES.

7.2 That this Board recommends to the Branch that a charge of \$1.00 be payable by Clubs
for all awards gained by their members commencing with the 1982-83 season.

NO.

7.3 That the Board recommends to the Branch that the revenue raised from these charges be
used specifically towards the expenses of running the Board of Control.

YES.

BOARD
BRANCH } EXEC → SPONSORSHIP

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SYDNEY BRANCH
SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control held on Wednesday, July 28, 1982 at Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club. The Meeting commenced at p.m. with the Superintendent, Mr. T. Elliott in the chair.

1. Attendance
— as per list attached
- 1.1 Apologies
- 1.1.1 Written — W. Rennie, F. Osborne, D. Lucas, T. Edmonds, D. Pacey, B. Tually, P. Davis
T. Beckett, I. Toll, R. Howells, J. Switzer, R. McKenna, B. Taylor
- 1.1.2 Verbal —

2. Welocme
Guests - *P. PEARCE*
BILL LAWRENCE MIKE EDWARDS.

Life Members —
A.M. H.B. J.W. J.D. J.K.V. ES. PA. KA.

At the request of the Chairman the meeting rose and observed a minutes silence in memory of departed members and friends.

The Chairman then welcomed the following new Examiners to the Board:

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
Moved S. Strange/ That the minuted of the 32nd Annual General Meeting
held July 22, 1981 be confirmed.
4. Correspondence
Nil
5. Presentation of the 32nd Annual Report.
The Chairman spoke on the report. It was moved /
That the 33rd Annual Report be adopted. The following spoke to the motion.

The Secretary, Mr. S. Strange replied.
The motion was then formally put and carried.

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION
OF AUSTRALIA
SYDNEY BRANCH

INTER-OFFICE
MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon.Secretary,
North Bondi SLSC.

FROM: Peter Pearce, Hon.Secretary.

DATE: July 27, 1982.

SUBJECT: SUNDOWN PADDLE BOARD AND BRANCH A.G.M.

REF. PP.jv

COPIES. Bill Marshall.

Mal,

Could you please supply the Sydney Branch with a photograph of your new board (with a few members around) and a letter of appreciation. The Branch will then forward a letter of thanks, with your photo and letter.

Annual General Meeting:

As the Branch Annual General Meeting is due to be held on Tuesday, August 24, 1982, I would appreciate it if you could phone me as soon as possible (772.0122) regarding the food and refreshments, with an estimated cost.

Regards,

Peter

SYDNEY BRANCH

SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

Date:

Date: July 19, 1982

From: Steve Strange
Board Secretary

To: All Members

Subject: Annual General Meeting Information

Notice is hereby given that the following motions will be moved at the Annual General Meeting of the Board to be held at Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club on Wednesday, July 28, 1982, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

1. That the Board recommends to the Branch that a charge of \$100.00 be placed on Clubs of the Branch for holding open carnivals at their beaches.
2. That this Board recommends to the Branch that a charge of \$1.00 be payable by Clubs for all awards gained by their members commencing with the 1982-83 season.
3. That the Board recommends to the Branch that the revenue raised from these charges be used specifically towards the expenses of running the Board of Control.

The following nominations for office holders have been received as at the closing date for nominations, July 12, 1982.

Honorary Superintendent	Trevor Elliott
Deputy Superintendent	Ron Howells
Honorary Secretary	Steve Strange
Examination and Instruction Supervisor	Bernie Kelly
Carnival & Competition Supervisor	Ron Day
IRB Supervisor	Harry Brown
Radio Officer	John Wardall
JRB Supervisor	Grant Sewell
Helicopter Director	Peter MacCormick
No.1 District Supervisor	Frank Osborne
No.3 District Supervisor	Barry King
Board Gear Steward	Perce Ainsworth
Gear Inspection Panel	G. Smith, R. Davison, N. Dixon, R. Williams J. Connolly, K. English, K. Misdon, R. Sargeant, F. Osborne, G. Hewett. E. Stephens, M. DeLuca, F. Osborne K. Rowswell, R. Davison, R. Sargeant, R. Howells, A. Moseley, W. Gray, K. Andrews. R. Howells
Resuscitation etc. Panel	
Meritorious Awards Committee	
Manual Revision Committee	

STEVE STRAWAT: RENEWED

LIPERIMBERS. ATTEND.

GENERAL M/SHIP UP

CONSOLIDATION & PLANNING

+ HARD WORK.

NOTICE OF RENEWAL
(BOARD PROPOSAL?)

BRANCH PATROL COMP.

ACTIVE-MSHIP DOWN 10%.

ONLY 3 CLUB SHOWN INCREASE
(NET OF 6) NB/NC/STANAR.

ALL CLUBS CONCENTRATE

MANLY LIAISON

BOARD EXECUTIVE

NEW MEMBERS

SUPERVISORS

RENEWAL: PHASES

PHASE

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY BRANCH

SURF LIFE SAVING BOARD OF CONTROL

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SEASON 1981-82

Notice is hereby given that the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving Board of Control will be held at the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club on Wednesday, July 28, 1982 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the 32nd Annual General Meeting held July 22, 1981.
2. Apologies and Leave.
3. Welcome to Guests and Visitors.
4. Correspondence.
5. Presentation of the 33rd Annual Report for the Season 1981-82.
6. Election of Officers and Committees for the Season 1982-83.
7. Confirmation of Radio Officer, Helicopter Director, IRB and JRB Supervisors.
8. Motions of which due notice has been given.
9. General business.

Steve Strange

Honorary Secretary

Sydney Branch Surf Life Saving
Board of Control.

MEMBERSHIP

Life Members (23)

P. Ainsworth	N. Dixon	R. Michaelis	J. Switzer
K. Andrews	R. Howells	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan
V. Besomo	D. Lucas	C. Osborne	J. Wardall
H. Brown	R. McKenna	A. Purcell	K. Watson
L. Buck	K. Messenger	E. Sier	J. Young
J. Dewey	L. McDonald	E. Stephens	

Long Service Members (19)

R. Avery	B. Crisp	A. Jordon	V. Mulchay
R. Bridges	J. Donohoe	K. Manton	R. Sargeant
J. Casey	H. Hodge	D. Medlin	H. Spurway
C. Christiansen	R. Horton	K. Midson	T. Wheeler
R. Craig	L. Johnson	J. Minahan	

Full Members (75)

S. Bailey	J. Fraser	R. McCormack	P. Sargeant
J. Baker	R. Ford	G. Martin	W. Sawyer
T. Beckett	A. Gately	C. Matthews	J. Seddon
G. Bennett	M. Gladstone	J. May	R. Sheldon
M. Berger	F. Gilroy	C. Melvey	G. Shiels
B. Breadner	W. Gray	N. Miller	R. Silcock
E. Brooker	K. Grima	M. Munsami	F. Smith
P. Calder	R. Hammond	P. Murphy	G. Smith
P. Carney	J. Hall	J. Oldham	K. Solomonson
M. Clancy	W. Halpin	R. O'Malley	P. Steenson
J. Connolly	G. Hewett	D. Pacey	S. Strange
P. Cooper	N. Jamieson	R. Pears	B. Thompson
K. Davis	R. Johnson	L. Platt	G. Thomson
R. Davison	W. Josland	D. Popplewell	I. Toll
P. Easson	B. Kelly	L. Potapof	P. Vanny
T. Elliott	B. King	P. Quartly	E. Wallbank
K. English	L. Love	W. Rennie	R. Williams
M. Fischer	P. McGuinn	K. Rowsell	D. Wilson
B. Fraser	K. McKeachie	R. Sandstrom	

Probationery Members (14)

C. Bissel	M. Lucas	K. Pennell	B. Taylor
P. Davis	M. Martin	J. Poulos	B. Tually
J. Hammond	G. McMahan	J. Shaw	
J. Lloyd	J. Osmond	A. Smith	

IRB Examiners (5)

D. Cooper	G. Bruce	B. Gardiner	M. Singleton
R. Camilleri			

JRB Examiners (4)

R. Green	D. McGroder	K. Mogridge	A. Morris
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ARC Examiners (6)

R. Cotter	D. Hill	M. Spencer	R. Whitmore
P. Day	S. Lee		

Competition Members (7)

R. Day	L. Harris	A. Menzies	B. Townsend
P. Doolan	R. Gilroy	J. Stansell	
R. Gilroy			

Radio Examiners (2)

H. Aikman	G. Sewell
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Helicopter Examiners (1)

I. Badham

Examination Members (3)

M. DeLuca	D. Smith	D. Wilson
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Country Members (3)

D. Murray	S. Newman	J. Solomon
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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Honorary Superintendent	Trevor Elliott
Deputy Superintendent	Ron Howells
Honorary Secretary	Steve Strange
Examination and Instruction Supervisor	Bernie Kelly
Carnival and Competition Supervisor	Ron Day

Sectional Supervisors

IRB Supervisor	Harry Brown
JRB Supervisor	Rae Sorenson
Helicopter Director	Ian Badham
Radio Officer	John Wardall

District Supervisors

No.1 District	Frank Osborne
No.2 District	Mick Berger
No.3 District	Dave Popplewell
No.4 District	John May

Assistant District Supervisors

No.1 District	Glenn Thomson
No.2 District	Jim Connolly
No.3 District	Dave Pacey/Barry King
No.4 District	Charlie Matthews

Board Gear Steward	Perce Ainsworth
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Board Committees

Gear Inspection Committee

Nick Dixon (convenor), Neil Miller, Greg Hewett, Keith Midson, Albert Moseley, Rex Sargeant, John Oldham, Graham Smith, Frank Osborne, Bob Davison, Jim Connolly, Ross Williams, Ken English and representatives from JRB, IRB and Radio Panels.

Resuscitation, Research, Development, Instruction and Medical Panel

Bruce Breadner (convenor), Ernie Stephens, Frank Osborne, Peter Carney, Bob Ford, Mick DeLuca, Tony Gately

Meritorious Awards Committee

Rex Sargeant (convenor), Ron Howells, Bob Davison, Kevin Andrews, Geoff Martin, Albert Moseley, Keith Rowswell

Manual Revision Committee

Peter Carney (convenor), Ron Howells, Mick Berger

Patrol Competition Investigation Committee

Karl Solomonson (convenor) John May, Peter Carney, Luke Platt, Mick Berger, Peter Pearce

Patrol Competition Committee

John May (convenor), Bruce Breadner, Mick DeLuca, Frank Osborne, Bruce Fraser, Harry Brown, John Wardall

FOREWORD

The Surf Life Saving Association of Australia is celebrating its 75th Anniversary so this foreword provides an excellent opportunity to record a simple but sincere token of appreciation to the Examining Board for their contribution and dedication for this and past seasons.

From the humble beginnings in 1907 when the New South Wales Surf Bathing Association was formed and a set of objectives were accepted, Officials have continued to maintain and improve Lifesaving standards.

Undaunted by the early challenges by 1910 the Association had formulated a Rescue and Revival Drill, fashioned fairly practical gear and derived standards for entry for Lifesavers into the Association.

Progressive development of the resuscitation systems of Schafer, Eve, Holger-Nielson and mouth to mouth were to involve many generations of Board Members in countless hours of instruction and examination.

Modern trends have now involved Examiners as specialists, advisers or panelists in the fields of Mobile Services, Communications, Lifesaving Education, Community Lecturing and Medical Research - a large slice of the action for a voluntary organisation in today's world.

Moreso than ever before Clubs must realise a responsibility to sponsor this vital area of Branch Administration and actively encourage their Members to participate. An efficient and adequately manned Board is essential for the future progress of our Branch.

In conclusion may I on behalf of Branch Officers and Clubs extend sincere congratulations to all Board Members on their achievements and to the hardworking Executive of the Board of Control, under the leadership of Honorary Superintendent, Trevor Elliott, on a job very well done and to Board Secretary, Steve Strange, on once again producing a fine Report.

Bill Marshall
Sydney Branch President

Board Run Competitions

The annual Gear Inspection was held September 27 and 28 in the No.2 and 3 Districts and October 11 in the No. 1 District. The report from the committee, headed by Nick Dixon, commented on the general improvement in the condition of Clubs' gear. However, there was concern expressed that 11 surfboats were not put up for inspection when the Panel visited each Club. In determining the winner of the "Don Lucas Trophy", the Committee expressed the view that Clubs with gear still to be inspected could not win the competition. After lengthy deliberation, in view of the generally high standard set by Clubs, Cronulla was declared the winner. I would congratulate Cronulla Club on this achievement and I would also take the opportunity to thank Arthur White who kindly organised and acted as driver of the bus that transported the Committee through the No. 3 and 4 Districts.

After a lapse of many years, the Board conducted an updated version of a Branch Patrol Competition which was held at South Maroubra on April 18. Nominated patrols attended on the day, established normal patrols on the beach and participated in nominated rescue sequences. Patrol attendance, knowledge of the Instruction and Examination Manual and general patrol behaviour on the day among other requirements were taken into consideration by the judging panel. Of the 15 Clubs in the Branch, 6 nominated for the competition. North Cronulla, Wanda, South Maroubra, Maroubra, Coogee and Bondi all nominated patrols. All proved extremely competent which left the panel a hard task in deciding the winner. Our congratulations to Wanda Club and Patrol Captain Ernie Stephens who were successful on the day.

I would like to thank Karl Solomonson and his committee who established the background for the competition and John May and his committee who developed the competition further and conducted the event on the day. I hope all Clubs in the Branch field patrols in the competition next season now they have had a chance to see the inaugural event.

For the first time the Board conducted a United Permanent Branch Marchpast Competition, separate from the State-run event. Three rounds of the competition were held. The first round at North Cronulla carnival, then North Bondi and Elouera. It was rather disappointing to see only four regular teams march in the competition this year. I congratulate Elouera on winning the competition, with Burning Palms, second; Tamarama, third, and North Cronulla, fourth. It should be noted also, that all these teams marched at all Sydney Branch Carnivals and attended the State and Australian Championships, with North Cronulla gaining third place at the State and second place at the Australian Championships.

The good relationships built up over many years between the Board and the Clubs of the Branch have continued during this past season. I would thank Club Management Committees for their co-operation and the implementation of Board decisions and look forward to its continuation next season. In particular, I would personally thank the management of the Maroubra Club. They have hosted all full meetings of the Board this season and as well the Board has held a number of special meetings at their Club.

Membership

Membership of the Board was marginally reduced at the commencement of the season following a review of members attitudes to Board undertakings and their participation in activities during the 1980-81 season. However, with new membership nominations received, and those gaining specialist Examiner Awards, we were able to maintain and even surpass our numerical strength as compared to last season.

The year under review was especially good in terms of probationary memberships approved. A total of 22 new members joined our ranks as probationary members. Eight have since gained their Examiners Certificate and I would welcome Stewart Baily, Graham Bruce, Ron Camilleri, Bruce Fraser, Ron Hammond, Peter Murphy, Rod Silcock and Graham Smith to the Board. Fourteen probationary members are still to complete their formal examination and I welcome them also: Craig Bissell, Peter Davies, John Hammond, John Lloyd, Michael Martin, Grant McMahan, John Osmond, Kym Pennell, Jim Poulos, John Shaw, Alfred Smith, Brad Taylor and Bruce Tually. I would especially welcome the Board's first female member, Marion Lucas of Wanda, who has joined us and who is proving very capable on the examination side of Board activities.

As mentioned earlier, a review of membership was undertaken and it is anticipated a further review will be made of members' contributions during this past season. A list will be submitted to the first Full Meeting of the Board and those members in default will be asked to indicate their intentions for the 1981-82 season.

The following table indicates the current membership of the Board. It is purely an indication of the numerical strength of the Board.

Membership Category	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
Life Members	20	22	22	23
Long Service Members	16	18	19	19
Full Members	90	68	69	75
Probationary Members	5	5	6	14
IRB Examiners	5	6	3	5
JRB Examiners	11	8	4	4
Helicopter Examiners	4	3	1	1
ARC Examiners		2	1	6
Radio Examiners		1	1	2
Examinations Only		5	3	3
Competition Members		9	6	7
Country Members	3	5	4	3
	154	152	139	162

More realistic figures for the Active Membership of the board are contained in the following table which indicates the number of Examiners per Club who are regularly undertaking Board commitments. These are members who have participated in proficiency tests, examined basic award candidates or preliminary examinations or those Members who have made a worthwhile contribution at Branch carnivals.

Active Members

Club	No.	Club	No.
Bondi	4	Garie	2
Bronte	3	Maroubra	11
Burning Palms	5	North Bondi	5
Clovelly	1	North Cronulla	15
Coogee	7	South Maroubra	6
Cronulla	10	Tamarama	4
Elouera	8	Wanda	10
Era	4	Total	95

there will have to be serious consideration given to the timetable for each carnival in order that our Members and the competitors are not still on the beach conducting events after 4.30 p.m.

In November a field day was arranged to introduce new judges to the R & R and Marchpast events. It was hoped that a reasonably competent panel of judges would be obtained from this day to run the competition during the season. There was a disappointing roll-up of Members, but for those who did attend, a great deal of benefit was obtained, especially in the Marchpast section where even seasoned judges learnt something new. I would like to especially thank the Wanda R & R team for their patience and understanding of the Board's objective on this day and also to the Marchpast coaches who were in attendance.

In February this year, Bernie Kelly organised a New Members' night at Maroubra. The evening was well attended by Probationary Members and formal examinations were held for those members eligible to join the Board as Full Members. Members of the Executive gave some insight to the internal workings of the Board and Branch President, Bill Marshall told those present that all who join the Board would, in the long term, gain immeasurable satisfaction for themselves and bring new knowledge to their own Clubs.

The emergency services within the Branch again performed outstandingly. The Wales Helicopter Rescue Service completed nearly 400 missions, bringing the total since the inception of the Service to 2,037. JRB2 in the Sutherland District maintained regular patrols, even though they were extremely hampered by increasing running costs and lack of adequate finance. Clubs within this District will have to seriously rethink their attitudes towards providing the necessary finance to enable this rescue facility to fully maintain viable patrols in the area.

JRB3 has again this year continued to provide surveillance in the No. 3 and No. 4 Districts. A new craft has been ordered and will be operating at the start of this coming season. It appears at this stage, there will not be a permanent JRB4 operating, but active negotiations are continuing at District Executive level for a combined funding for the JRB3 operation.

Meetings have been held of the JRB Panel and since the resignation of Rae Sorenson for health reasons from the position of JRB Supervisor, members of each JRB group have been attending Executive Meetings to report their activities. A start has been made by the Panel to formulating a whole new policy on the operations of JRB's within the Branch. JRB Groups are aware of the serious situation of not having a JRB Supervisor to represent them at Branch level and have indicated they will elect a Supervisor at their Annual General Meeting to be held this month.

During the year, further UHF radio tests were conducted in the No. 1 District both by our Radio Officer, John Wardall and by NSW State Centre. Results are very encouraging and all Clubs are able to contact Illawarra Surf Rescue in cases of emergency where the Wales Helicopter Rescue Service is needed to treat and evacuate patients. In addition, towards the end of the season, Burning Palms was able to contact Sydney Surf direct using the Branch's spare UHF radio. Negotiations are currently underway with State Centre and the Wales Helicopter Rescue Service with a view to installing a repeater radio system which will enable Clubs in the District direct access to emergency services 24 hours a day.

As can be seen, the total number of members who are really making the Board function properly is 95, compared to last season's total of 104. This is a serious situation especially when considered that of this total 95, there are 22 new or probationary members contributing to the workload. Members must give careful consideration to their status within the Board and be prepared to put in a worthwhile contribution to our functioning during the year, or be prepared to resign. It is a waste of time and Branch money to continually maintain membership of the Board if you are not prepared to make a contribution.

These figures for members who are working for the Board are further emphasised in the following section, dealing with Meetings.

Meetings

At the date of compiling this report, your Board Executive had met on 12 occasions during the past year. A table of their attendance at these meetings is listed below.

Name and Position	Possible	Attended	Apology
Trevor Elliott - Superintendent	12	12	
Ron Howells - Deputy Superintendent	12	12	
Steve Strange - Honorary Secretary	12	12	
Bernie Kelly - Examination Supervisor	12	12	
Ron Day - Competition Supervisor	12	9	2
Harry Brown - IRB Supervisor	12	8	3
Ian Badham - Helicopter Director	12	6	2
John Wardall - Radio Officer	12	9	2
Rae Sorenson - JRB Supervisor	2	2	
Frank Osborne - No. 1 District	12	10	2
Mick Berger - No. 2 District (Note 1)	4	4	
Jim Connolly - No. 2 District (note 1)	4	4	
Dave Popplewell - No. 3 District	12	9	3
John May - No. 4 District	12	8	3

Note 1 Mick Berger was granted Leave of Absence at the November Full Meeting of the Board. Jim Connolly has been attending meetings as Assistant District Supervisor since March, 1982.

Five Full Meetings of the Board have been held during the past year. The first, was combined with the Board Seminar and was held on August 29, 1981. The meeting endorsed some of the recommendations from the Seminar and a review of membership as compiled by the Executive was submitted for ratification.

The second meeting, held at Maroubra Club was attended by 34 members. A report from the Seminar Committee was adopted and recommendations were endorsed. The Patrol Competition Committee was elected and competition matters were discussed, particularly clashes of carnival dates.

The third meeting had an attendance of 40 members. It dealt with reports of Board Officers and further recommendations from the Board Seminar were adopted. A question and answer session was incorporated in general business. The meeting was held November 25, 1981.

The fourth meeting, held February 24, 1982 had 44 members in attendance, the most members attending a meeting for 3 years. Reports of Officers were presented and lengthy discussion on examination techniques and responsibilities

of Examiners during candidate belt swims took place. The State Superintendent, and Deputy President of State Centre, John Dewey and John Vaughan, respectively talked on the lead-up preparations for the New South Wales State Championships.

The fifth meeting held April 28, 1982 was attended by 37 members. General discussion on the Australian Championships at Moana Beach, South Australia were held and a report of the Sydney Boat Panel regarding the shifting of buoys for the surf boat final was endorsed. Mr. Perc Russo from the Cumberland College of Health Sciences presented a lecture on the health and fitness of members which was illustrated by slides.

Attendance at full meetings has remained fairly constant (1980-81, 37, 33, 39 and 24), but there is room for improvement. Only four full meetings are normally held during a season and they provide valuable information both for members and more importantly give the Executive feed-back on Board policies.

I would remind Members that the Constitution requires you to vacate your seat on the Board if you absent yourself from two consecutive general meetings of the Board in one season without reasonable written excuse.

EXAMINATION AND INSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The seasons' Award totals were down on the previous year's figure. However, even with the slump in totals, the outstanding efforts of 3 Clubs must be acknowledged and congratulated. North Cronulla with 179 active awards and both Elouera and South Maroubra with over 100 awards. These 3 clubs alone accounted for 35% of the total Branch awards.

There are some points from the following Award Tables that I believe are worth highlighting and an improvement made next season:

- no JRB Crewmen's Certificates were awarded
- only 4 JRB Driver's Certificates were gained
- although there were 59 Radio Operator's Certificates awarded Clubs need to improve on this figure
- Bronze Medallion awards are down 36 on last seasons total 414.

There are two other matters which disturbed me this year. The inactivity of the ARC Panel and the alarming lack of Examiners in the No.4 District. However, with persistence I believe both these matters can be corrected during the coming season.

I would like to thank all those members, who, without their assistance and experience, my job would have been impossible. In particular I would thank Ernie Stephens and the District Supervisors for their co-operation. To Carl Melvey, Neil Miller and Greg Hewett, my personal thanks for the number of examinations you have undertaken, especially on so many occasions with such little notice.

Bernie Kelly
Examination and
Instruction Supervisor

The following tables list the awards gained during the 1981-82 season compared to the previous three seasons and the total awards gained by each Club in the Branch.

AWARDS SEASON 1981-82

Award	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82
Resuscitation Certificate	56	66	61	44
Qualifying Certificate	227	172	278	272
Bronze Medallion	341	307	414	378
Instructors Certificate	42	31	38	49
Examiners Certificate	13	3	8	7
Advanced Resuscitation Cert.	162	192	187	175
Advanced Resuscitation Inst.	6	10	15	9
Advanced Resuscitation Exam.		1	5	3
IRB Crewmans Certificate	6	30	61	39
IRB Drivers Certificate	14	25	48	21
IRB Instructors Certificate	3	4	8	7
IRB Examiners Certificate		6	3	2
JRB Crewmans Certificate	20	12	3	
JRB Drivers Certificate	8	2	1	4
JRB Instructors Certificate	4		1	
JRB Examiners Certificate	3			1
Radio Operators Certificate	18	24	62	59
Radio Instructors Certificate		1	2	9
Radio Examiners Certificate			2	
Helicopter Crewmans Certificate		1	2	
Helicopter Instructors Certificate			1	
Advanced Life Saving Certificate		1	1	
	923	888	1210	1079

Number of Awards per Club

Club	Awards	Club	Awards
Bondi	66	Garie	56
Bronte	76	Maroubra	68
Burning Palms	28	North Bondi	80
Clovelly	11	North Cronulla	179
Coogee	68	South Maroubra	103
Cronulla	68	Tamarama	21
Elouera	105	Wanda	96
Era	14	Miscellaneous	40

CARNIVAL AND COMPETITION SUPERVISORS' REPORT

We are approaching a new season which will involve a short and very busy schedule. We should look back at last season and reflect not so much on what we achieved successfully, but on where we had problems. They were mainly felt in the craft and water areas where the number of competitors and teams are rapidly increasing.

Although lack of Officials has been a problem, our biggest battle is time. Time taken to run events and time wasted for events which cover two areas such as Taplin and Ironman events. To properly plan our programme so as we do not waste time having competitors and Officials standing around, which is unavoidable in some instances, I will be asking Clubs to commence carnival events earlier. This will probably affect the craft and water areas the most.

Five open carnivals were held in the Branch this season at Garie, North Cronulla, North Bondi, Elouera and Coogee. As well, the Interdistrict held at Bronte, the Rossfield Carnival, the Metropolitan Championships at Bondi and both the Branch Championships and IRB Championships held at Cronulla.

The Referees, Mick Berger, Nick Dixon, Jim Connolly, Ron Howells, John Dewey and Trevor Elliott and the appointed Officials gave their full support and co-operation which went a long way to making all carnivals so successful. It was however, unfortunate that the South Maroubra Carnival had to be cancelled at the last minute due to pollution problems caused by a Water Board strike.

Again, a meeting of all Club carnival organisers was held early in the season and from comments received Carnival Referees have been involved with each club's respective carnival, ensuring that the competitive side ran smoothly.

I would like to thank all Board Members who officiated at carnivals during the past season. I would make special mention of our ladies, Mary Andrews Ann Ainsworth, Gloria Howells and Merle Sargeant for their invaluable assistance throughout the year. I know how many members appreciate your efforts and from me ladies, my personal thanks to you all.

To John Dewey, who has tried to bestow on me some of his great wisdom and as Branch Gear Steward, along with Arthur White and Bill Singleton, thank you for maintaining our equipment in such good condition. Harry Brown and Graham Bruce and the other IRB crews, well we now cannot do without you at carnivals. To Perce Ainsworth, thank you again for looking after the Board's carnival stationery, watches and starting guns. Your attention and time is very much appreciated.

I look forward to an exciting season coming and in closing, my thanks for their co-operation to all competitors and to our unofficial official Peter Doolan for his tremendous help in the craft area.

Ron Day
Carnival and
Competition Supervisor.

WALES HELICOPTER RESCUE SERVICE

The Service is now completing its ninth season of duty in what has proved the busiest on record. Over the SLISA statistical season, the Wales Helicopter Rescue Service in Sydney completed 397 separate missions comprising:-

30 people rescued
172 people given medical assistance
195 search and support missions.

Since its inception the Service has now completed 2,037 missions.

A significant improvement to quick response to emergency calls came during the season with an increase in budget funds last October. Since then the Service has engaged a second pilot and has maintained a double shift at weekends and on public holidays.

This has meant a duty crew comprising pilot, doctor and rescue crewman on duty from 6.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. every weekend and public holiday. In addition the mid-week period is covered from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (6.00 p.m. daylight saving) with the Friday evening period covered until 7.00 p.m.

Outside these hours, the Service has been on call to respond to emergencies on a 24 hour basis. To achieve out-of-hours co-ordination the Service has an emergency telephone number which is diverted to a duty officer when the office is not staffed.

The Wales Helicopter has always held a primary function of being a rescue, search and medical back up to Surf Club patrols and mobiles. Beyond that, the Service provides community support, in particular in liaison with Police and Ambulance.

The Service's charter is "To provide a search, rescue and medical support service for the community - without cost or obligation when life is threatened - in co-operation with emergency authorities".

This showed with rescues from bush areas, boats at sea and in rivers, plus being called to search for missing bushwalkers and boats as well as transferring seriously ill patients from outlying hospitals to major treatment centres.

It was rewarding to note the saving of life when fishermen were reported swept from rocks. Helicopter crews rescued some five fishermen from this situation - two after they had spent almost an hour in the heavy seas off Royal National Park clinging to an esky.

The value of having support of a crew doctor showed in many missions where vital "intensive care" treatment was supplied in the field before a patient was taken to hospital. Where Lifesavers need such support, such as in cases of immersion, exposure or cardiac arrest, the Helicopter provides competent support crews and supplies.

Provision of the Helicopter by the Surf Life Saving Association, Sydney Branch, again was made possible through sponsorship provided by:-

Bank of New South Wales
Radio 2UE Sydney
Channel TEN Sydney.

Additional support came from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation -

in particular with special funds to equip the aircraft with a 3.5 million candlepower Locator searchlight. Other support came from service clubs and from the Royal North Shore Hospital where the Helicopter is based.

It is anticipated that next season will be the last of duty for the current Bell Jet Ranger Helicopter, which has been chartered from Ferguson Helicopters since 1976. Provision of a more suitable helicopter which will allow the Service to more efficiently provide back-up support to a wide variety of situations. From records, the Sydney Helicopter carried out some 60% of all missions completed annually by the SLSA's 10 rescue helicopters.

The appreciation of all involved in providing the Wales Helicopter Rescue Service for the community is extended to Officers of the Board and Branch, Clubs, radio room operators and the various crews of jet and inshore rescue boats with which the helicopter has linked.

Ian Badham
Helicopter Director

IRB SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

It is with a great deal of pride and pleasure that I record the activities of our Inflatable Rescue Boat Section during the past 12 months.

Thirteen of the Branch's 15 Clubs now operate IRB's. All Clubs participated in training programmes during the year and their individual efforts are reflected in the IRB Activities Schedule.

The inaugural IRB Education Training Panel Seminar held by State Centre at Cronulla on 10, 11 and 12 July, 1981 was conducted and the following Branch members were selected onto the NSW IRB Training Panel: B. Gardiner, D. Cooper, B. Kelly, E. Goldberg and H. Brown.

The National IRB Conference was held at North Cronulla on 4, 5 and 6 September, 1981 and the submissions from Sydney Branch were a significant contribution to the recommendations endorsed at the Conference.

Our IRB Inspectors carried out detailed inspections of all IRB's and motors during the annual Gear Inspection in September and it is pleasing to record that apart from some minor work all Clubs had their boats operational. IRB Examiners carried out several examinations and it is pleasing to record there were no failures. In fact, the standard of driving was quite high. Particular mention should be made of the examination carried out at Bronte with candidates from Bronte and North Bondi in attendance. The surf was at least 3 metres high and it is to the full credit of the two Club's Instructors that all candidates passed with flying colours.

The IRB's once again showed their ability as "the Association's rescue tool of the eighties" in performing a total of 600 rescues which represents 25% of all rescues performed in the Branch. On many occasions they worked as a team with the No. 2 and No. 3 jet rescue boats. This form of search and rescue work is to be commended. Preventative actions, that is the moving of craft and people into their respective surfing areas was another important aspect of our surveillance work successfully accomplished.

All carnivals held in Sydney Branch utilised IRB's for laying of buoys and acting as the rescue boats and I would like to record my thanks particularly to Graham Bruce, Bill Singleton, Arthur White and Ron Day for their assistance and to all the IRB crews who participated.

IRB competition is now an accepted part of our activities and the techniques of the drivers and crew have shown a great improvement due to this form of training under actual stress. An open IRB Carnival was successfully conducted at Maroubra in August and the Branch IRB Championships were contested at Cronulla Beach on Wednesday and Thursday, 10th and 11th February, 1982 as a twilight carnival. Era Club were the overall winners, however, all Clubs who participated enjoyed events and we are indeed grateful to Siebers Vogel Breads for their financial support.

The NSW IRB Championships were held at Soldiers Beach in 3 to 4 metre surf and the Sydney Branch contingent of drivers and crewmen performed extremely well.

The Total Company made a donation of \$350 which enabled the Branch to modify an old trailer as an IRB Gear Trailer and we are indeed grateful for the amount of work carried out by Bill Singleton in modifying the trailer and having it rustproofed.

Johnson - Outboard Marine conducted a motor training school on 13th February which was well attended and all members present learnt a great deal about preventative motor maintenance and we are indeed grateful for the continued support assistance of O.M.A.

In conclusion, I wish to extend my personal thanks and appreciation to all members who participated in our IRB activities during the past year. In particular, my IRB Inspectors and Examiners and the Club IRB Captains and Instructors for an outstanding job well done.

Club	IRBE	IRBI	IRBD	IRBC	Rescues
Burning Palms					2
Era					No Return
Garie					16
Cronulla	1	1	1	2	36
North Cronulla	1	3	2	5	103
Elouera			4	5	50
Wanda				6	53
South Maroubra		1	2	2	115
Maroubra	1		1		53
Coogee					7
Bronte		1	6	12	66
Bondi					34
North Bondi		1	5	7	65
	3	7	21	39	600

IRB Examiners

H. Brown, B. Gardiner, W. Singleton, A. White, G. Bruce, R. Camilleri, F. Smith
D. Cooper, K. Grima, D. Pacey, B. Kelly, R. Freer, B. Taylor, T. Elliott.

IRB Inspectors

B. Gardiner, A. White, F. Smith, D. Cooper, B. Kelly, K. Grima.

Harry Brown

IRB Supervisor

RADIO OFFICER'S REPORT

It is very pleasing to again be able to say that the Sydney Branch Base Radio was able to support the beach patrols to the fullest in protection and rescue of the bathing public.

The Radio Room was operational for the full patrol year of 68 days, staffed by 14 volunteers and despite the poor surfing weather early in the season, quite a number of rescues and searches were co-ordinated through Sydney Surf.

The total number of awards shows a slight increase over the previous season's figure of 66 and a significant number were of mature years and experience which will no doubt assist the participating clubs in maintaining their patrol efficiency. On the debit side, I feel I must mention for the good of all concerned, the haphazard or lax attitude shown by some clubs towards their patrol commitments after Easter. Patrols continue to Anzac Day and yet, anyone perusing the log book would be surprised to see the various discrepancies exhibited.

The following clubs have this year supplied the following number of operators to man Sydney Surf:

Bondi	1
Bronte	1
Burning Palms	4
Coogee	1
Garie	2
Maroubra	1
Tamarama	1
Wanda	1
Others	2
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In conclusion, I would like to thank all club radio officers for their diligence throughout the year, despite in some instances, severe hurdles being placed in their path. I would also extend my appreciation for their co-operation to the JRB and IRB groups.

John Wardall
Radio Officer

No.1 DISTRICT SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The season commenced on a good footing with almost all club members becoming proficient by the end of November and a steady stream of members from all 3 clubs gaining their Bronze Medallions or Qualifying Certificates during the season.

The results of the intra-district competition are as follows:-

Bobby Liddle Trophy

1st Era, 2nd Burning Palms, 3rd Garie

Pymble Shield

1st Era, 2nd Garie, 3rd Burning Palms

National Parks & Wildlife Resuscitation Trophy

1st Garie, deadheat, Burning Palms, Era.

Junior Trophy

Andrew Josland, Era

Cadet Trophy

Niel Piccinelli, Era

All clubs are keenly interested in competition and did well during the year. Garie getting to the final of the beach flags at the State Titles, Era to the final of the "A" Boat Race at the National Titles and Burning Palms did well in the Marchpast at both titles.

The good news in the District this year is that Burning Palms have finally received permission to construct their Clubhouse from the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Construction has commenced and it is hoped it will be completed by Christmas.

This leaves only three minor, yet important hurdles to jump: the implementation of an effective 24 hour radio link; the improvement in Garie's attendance at Branch meetings and the co-ordination and making of District policy by an effective District Executive.

I would like to thank Board Members who have attended examinations and proficiency tests in the No. 1 District during the season and to also thank my Assistant, Glenn Thomson for his support.

Frank Osborne
No. 1 District Supervisor

CRONULLA-SUTHERLAND DISTRICT REPORT

The patrols that I have visited during the 1981-82 season were of a quite high standard. No major problems were evident and the few minor deficiencies that were noted were corrected immediately.

Areas outside of the 4 patrolled areas, that is north of Wanda, between Wanda and Elouera and the area south of Cronulla, have again posed some problems for patrols. There is no ready answer to this problem but I have been pleased to note that patrols have maintained a watchfull eye on the areas involved.

The intra-club competition format was changed this year and proved successful. The results were:

1st North Cronulla	87 points
2nd Wanda	79 points
3rd Elouera	56 points
4th Cronulla	53 points.

I would like to thank the Captains and other officials of the four Clubs in the District and express my appreciation to Mick Berger who very unfortunately fell ill early in the season.

Jim Connolly
Assistant Supervisor

RANDWICK DISTRICT REPORT

As I am not standing for the position of District Supervisor for the coming season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who, without their capable assistance during the past 5 years, I would have found the position a lot more difficult and less enjoyable. I refer not only to Branch and Club Officials and fellow Examiners, but also to the most vital link - those doing patrols on the beaches.

During the past years, the number of active Examiners within the District has grown considerably, taking in all aspects of Surf Life Saving Awards. I hope this trend continues and expands into the competitive judging field

as well. Continued active involvement of existing Examiners should ensure this will continue.

On a disappointing note, the season has seen a decline in the Clovelly Club's patrols to the extent that an investigative committee has been formed by the Branch to look into all forms of operation of the Club. I hope that the right answers are found and the Club is rekindled in a manner befitting its long service and standing. My thanks to those members of the Club who have worked hard to maintain patrol strengths, especially Club Captain, Graham Smith (now a Board Examiner) and his brother, Paul, who completed 38 half day patrols during the season. A good sign to the future is the gaining of a relatively high proportion of Bronze Medallions during and after the season.

Coogee has again had a successful season - the Australian Open Boat, Belt and Malibu Titles, good patrols and a fair proportion of Life Saving Awards - with a high proportion of cadets auguring well for the future. With the retirement of President, Joe Seddon and Captain, Peter Carney, the younger brigade will need to look heavily to their extended commitments and I'm sure they will conduct themselves well.

Maroubra's patrols have again proven outstanding and their award figures for the season, while not up to last seasons record, have shown that the dedication to Surf Life Saving of this Club is outstanding. Congratulations to Karl Solomonson for making the finals of the Life Saver of the Year. My thanks to Pat Manning as both President of the Club and the District Executive for his assistance and best wishes to Keith Grima as he pursues his career as a dedicated Surf Life Saver.

South Maroubra continues to go from strength to strength - in competition, awards and patrols. I don't know what Phil Vanny's secret weapon is, but I'm sure many clubs would like to have it - maybe it's just hard work and dedication. With Peter Murphy as Chief Instructor, Gary Bennett as Vice Captain and a lot of hardworking men in other positions, Life Saving at the Club is in good hands. Meanwhile, President Alan Morris continues to do patrols in the District JRB.

The District this year has created the position of IRB Co-Ordinator which is expected to lead to better co-operation between club IRB groups. This aspect of the District is already beginning to bear fruit thanks to the efforts of Bernie Kelly. The District JRB has acquitted itself well throughout the season despite having some difficulties with shortages of No.1 operators, successfully completing 20 rescues as basically an off-shore rescue craft. Kym Mogridge and Grant Sewell as retired and current Captains deserve much of the credit for the continued operation.

Unfortunately, during the season, Dave Pacey resigned as my Assistant due to personal reasons and this position was taken up by Barry King. Both of these men performed creditably. I would be remiss if I didn't thank all those Examiners who conducted numerous proficiency tests, preliminary and final examinations within the District - thank you all.

Dave Popplewell

No.3 District Supervisor

WAVERLEY DISTRICT REPORT

The season has been a challenging one with many problems and many triumphs, not only to myself but to all the clubs in the District. Most of my problems were overcome with the co-operation and understanding of the Club Captains and to them I would thank you.

As the season progressed, the patrols within the District went from strength to strength, but I still feel quite a few members within the patrols need more dedication to achieve more consistency.

Chief Instructors were once again put under a great deal of pressure with the usual lack of help, and instructors. Because of your dedication you all gained new members for your Clubs and I would like to thank you for your co-operation.

The Combined Executive worked well throughout the season, the co-operation between the four Clubs was great to see. This enabled a great many problems to be solved in an efficient manner. Charlie Matthews, as my Deputy, has been an asset to me and indeed, to every club in the District. To you my sincere thanks.

John May

No. 4 District Supervisor

MANUAL REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee was given a number of submissions to consider for inclusion in the next manual due for release in 1983. In all, there were 8 in writing, the rest being by word of mouth.

Some of the stronger views called for better descriptions of the Board and Tube rescues and their corresponding pick-ups. One submission called for the abolition of the reel, line and belt drill from the manual. This submission however, was rejected as it was felt that not all clubs all over Australia have the back-up facilities such as IRB's etc. which Sydney Branch is fortunate to have. The submissions from the Board of Control Seminar held in August 1981 were endorsed and passed on.

All submissions regarding resuscitation techniques were also endorsed and passed on to the medical panel for consideration. The Committee itself felt that the requirements of the Instructor's Certificate needed to be more explicit.

Overall it was a bit disappointing to see the low number of submissions, however, the Committee would like to thank those clubs and individuals who did in fact submit ideas for consideration.

Peter Carney

Convenor

RESUSCITATION, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, INSTRUCTION AND MEDICAL PANEL REPORT

As with all panels and committees, the Resuscitation Panel has had positive results as well as negative ones during the season. In a positive way, the Panel tidied up the criteria for Instructors and Examiners within the Branch. From this season, all new Instructors will be required to satisfy the medical panel requirements before their names are referred to the Board for endorsement and in addition, all instructors will have to pass a proficiency test at regular intervals to maintain their award. Examiners also will be tested by

the medical panel on a yearly basis. A list of Examiners will then be forwarded to the Board for circulation within the Branch.

A meeting was held during the season and the major point of discussion was the updating of ARC written test papers. ARC refresher classes are currently being conducted throughout the Branch and all Clubs have been rostered a particular date. Members of the Panel will visit on these evenings and conduct an up-date for all ARC holders.

On the negative side, we continue to have many members who require to up-date their award and we can only repeat that the members of the Panel are available to visit any Club who makes a request for assistance. My thanks to all members of the Panel for their work during the season and in particular, I would like to thank Keith Grima for the work he carried out on the proposed test papers and to Bernie Kelly for his assistance throughout the season.

Bruce Breadner
Convenor

BRANCH FIRST AID COMPETITION

The competition got off to a shaky start with the 2 teams entered at the Elouera carnival not being able to compete because of lack of Officials. They were however, given the opportunity to compete mid-week but only one competitor showed. At the Coogee Carnival, 6 teams were entered however no teams reported. I checked with team managers and no one knew they had been entered.

After quite a bit of chasing up, three teams were entered for the Branch Championships at Cronulla but only two teams reported on the day. The competition area was located south of North Cronulla and the accident involved a competitor at a carnival with a sucking chest wound, a cut over one eye, the patient was conscious but later lapsed into unconsciousness.

The result of the competition was Wanda 55% and Elouera 53%. After the competition concluded, the adjudicators advised the competitors where they had gone wrong and what would improve their performance. Both teams were nervous, unsure of what to expect and hampered by the bleak conditions and driving sand.

Wanda team became the Branch entrants in the State Competition and after one night tuition by myself on points to improve and a mornings coaching by John Bourne they gained a very creditable 2nd place (75.83%) to North Narrabeen (78.50%) who were the winners.

I recommend that to improve the competition standard, club members should be encouraged to undertake a basic first aid course. The Association should then formulate an advanced course in conjunction with outside organisations such as St. John's or Red Cross.

I would like to thank the adjudicators at the Branch Championships, Mrs. Shore, Nick Stepkavich and Linda Boyd for their help and assistance during the planning of the competition.

Frank Osborne
Organiser

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The past season, 1981-82, has been a season of hard work and achievement for District Supervisors, Examination and Instruction and Carnival and Competition. At this point it appears that awards gained will reach close to last season's high figures, and carnival competition work is becoming more demanding as competitors are increasing, particularly in the areas of craft and 4 man R & R events. It is obvious that more attention will need to be paid to the practability of competition programmes.

Proficiency testing once again was slow off the mark. For the coming season it needs particular attention due to the early start of competition, commencing in October.

The introduction of a Patrol Competition due to the dedicated work of a small committee, has proved successful and will bring more prominence to bear on the important backbone of the club patrolman. Patrols throughout the season have been satisfactory with some minor exceptions. The problem of satisfactory surveillance patrols for the South Bondi area is in hand and the North Wanda situation is in the hands of No.2 District Executive.

The live-in seminar for Board Members held early last season was successful and produced a wealth of material which is still under investigation. For the coming season the Board of Control will be concentrating on field days for both examinations and examination procedure, and for judging and competition. These will be held prior to commencement of activities for the 1982-83 season. All Sydney Board of Control Members will have the opportunity to attend a State Centre Board of Examiners Conference weekend to be held in August.

The Board has been successful in recruiting 22 new members during the last season, all of whom will have passed their probationary period before the coming season. This, together with the planned field days and the State Conference should help to ease the work load of each Board Member.

District Supervisors, John May, David Popplewell, Jim Connolly (deputy) and Frank Osborne have supervised their Districts very effectually, even though they have had a very heavy season. A special appreciation is due to John May for his great assistance to the Clubs of No. 4 District, to David Popplewell for his persistence with the problems involving the Clovelly Club and to Jim Connolly who has so ably stood in for Mick Berger.

Most Clubs are realising the importance of the Branch Radio Network and are paying more attention to Radio Rooms. More radio operators' awards are being gained. Additional communication assistance for the No. 1 District seems to be still unavailable. This facility is a top priority. Burning Palms and Era Clubs have recently had their solar cells stolen, which is a further setback.

As usual, the Gear Inspection Committee carried out their duties very effectively. The Board Seminar Committee and Patrol Competition Investigation Committee also put in a great deal of work to reach a successful conclusion. The Board is appreciative of the assistance given on various matters by the 4 District Executive Committees during the season.

Once again, we must recognise the exceptional contribution to patrol work by the IRB crews who are ever increasing in numbers and who are so enthusiastically supported by Harry Brown with his thrust for development and training.

The No. 3 District JRB has worked effectively and looks like incorporating the role of patrols for both No. 3 and 4 Districts again for the coming year. The No. 2 District JRB has patrolled efficiently despite their serious funding problems. The two districts have committed to appoint a JRB Supervisor to report regularly to the Board Executive, which will help all parties through improved communications.

It is encouraging to see the level of awards that have been gained for the season. This illustrates the work load borne by the various examiners and the enthusiastic approach by Bernie Kelly in his first year as Examination and Instruction Supervisor who is always striving for improved standards. The number of female candidates for awards is still maintaining its level. Their standard and keenness is generally very high which persists through their patrol work.

We must be ever conscious of those few officials who attend and work so hard at carnivals. The Board does not have enough members who contribute to competition which is so important for the motivation of Club members. We hope that the majority of the new Board members will assist during the coming season and repeat our annual plea to the Clubs to take a more responsible view to contributing by sponsoring members to join the Board to assist with the heavy competition programme.

Despite the shortage of Officials, carnivals were quite successfully carried out during the season. This was due in part to Ron Day who, despite the odds, always managed to provide a scant sufficiency of men to do the job.

My sincere appreciation to Trevor Elliott and Steve Strange for their full support and co-operation and to Bernie Kelly and Ron Day for their determined efforts during their initial year of Office.

Ron Howells
Deputy Superintendent

THE YEAR'S WORK

The Board has continued its heavy programme throughout the year even though this has meant a continuing burden on members. Our various activities are summarised below:

- Appointment of Examiners to conduct 217 basic award examinations
- A total of 1079 Awards for the year
- A total 385 Specialist Awards examined
- 5 open carnivals, Interdistrict and Rossfield Carnival
- The Branch Championships, IRB Championships and Metropolitan Championships
- Participation in State and Australian Championships and State IRB Championships
- Instruction in ARC at Clubs and Caringbah Clinic with total awards of 187
- Club and Vice Captains Meeting, Gear Stewards Conference and Carnival Organisers Meeting
- Board of Control Seminar of weekend duration held in August 1981
- Proficiency Testing of all active lifesavers throughout the Branch
- R & R and Marchpast Field Days held at Wanda, New Members night with formal examinations held at Maroubra
- 12 Meetings of the Board Executive and 5 Full Meetings of the whole Board

- Lectures and demonstrations by Wales Helicopter Rescue Service
- Instruction in ARC by Resuscitation Panel to outside groups
- Annual Gear Inspection of 15 Clubs within the Branch
- IRB Field Day held at Cronulla with examinations
- Conduct of Club and Intra Club competitions

CONCLUSION

All Members of the Board who have played a part in the success this season has brought can be justifiably pleased with themselves. It has indeed been a very hectic year for all with proficiency tests, preliminary and final examinations and carnival work taking up so much of Members' leisure time.

Next season, 1982-83 has all the indications of being even more demanding on Members. Considerable efforts must be made by all Members if we are to maintain and surpass our present levels of activity.

A full schedule has been planned, commencing early in August with the State Examiners Conference. It is hoped that as many Members from our Board as possible will attend and at present the Branch Finance Committee is looking into ways of providing some assistance with registration costs. Four days have been allocated for both examination and carnival follow-ups to reinforce aspects of the State Conference. From the carnival field days, a full judging panel for both R & R and Marchpast will be formed.

This season will see one of the shortest and busiest carnival programmes for many years. Starting early in October with a craft carnival at Era and culminating with the Australian Championships at Clifton Beach, Tasmania on March 4, 5 and 6, 1983. With carnivals commencing early, it is expected that competitors will present themselves early for proficiency tests as will candidates for examinations. At this point, I would stress the need for all Members to return examination and carnival appointment forms as early as possible. Failure to do so will necessitate rostering for examinations and exclusion from carnival appointments.

An incentive scheme will be introduced this season for Members who participate in all activities of the Board, i.e. examinations and carnivals. It is hoped that this scheme will provide some recognition for those members who are really taking the burden of Board work seriously. Sponsorship and Board generated funds will have to be looked at seriously this coming season. The programme envisaged by the Executive will need funds to make them work fully and unless the Branch can help, the Board will need to gain its own sponsorship.

I would like to thank the Presidents and Committees of all Clubs for their co-operation during the year and especially to those Clubs who have hosted Board sponsored field days and meetings. The Board is indeed fortunate to be able to use your facilities and is very grateful. I would also thank the office staff at State Centre, headed by Joan Vaughan, Julie, Henry and State Administrator Ernie Davis; my requests for assistance and work to be done have been carried out quickly and I am very appreciative of your efforts.

To Bill Marshall, our retiring Branch President, I would like to sincerely thank you on behalf of all Board Members for all the help and co-operation you have given to the Board during your 5 years in office.

Finally, to my fellow Board Members and Board Executive, thank you for your help and co-operation during the past season, you have made my task pleasant and extremely satisfying.

Steve Strange
Honorary Secretary

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDENDUM

The year's activities of the Sydney Branch Board of Control have been detailed in this Report. It can be seen that the programme undertaken was considerable and the calls made on Members were demanding. The dedication to Lifesaving by Members, to the Branch and its Clubs can be demonstrated in the hours spent at meetings, sub-committees, seminars, instructional nights, field days, up-dates, demonstrations, examinations and carnivals in and out of season.

The year has had its problems and successes. The continual failure of the Clovelly Club to reach a satisfactory standard of patrols saw the need for a select committee to be formed by the Branch and recommendations and guidelines have been formulated for the coming season. The position of JRB Supervisor was not filled for the full season which left the Groups without a direct representative to the Branch and necessitated representatives being called on occasions to Board Executive meetings.

On the success side there was enthusiasm in the activities of the Board and a continued increase in membership. The Board seminar kindled ideas and comradeship so necessary for us to progress. The re-introduction of a Patrol Competition was successful and a positive incentive to lifesavers in the Branch.

It was pleasing to see Bernie Kelly successfully complete his initial year as a member of the Board Executive with the continued enthusiasm he brought to the job of Examination and Instruction Supervisor. Ron Day also successfully completed his first year as Carnival and Competition Supervisor. John May took up the challenge in the Waverley District when he elected to stand for the position of District Supervisor for the season. His efforts and the amount of travel from Engadine involved were appreciated by those Clubs. Jim Connolly must be thanked for filling-in so ably when Mick Berger was unable to continue mid-season as Cronulla-Sutherland District Supervisor due to ill health. Mick was a loss to the District and the Board Executive but fortunately he is now recovered.

The retiring Officers, Dave Popplewell the Randwick District Supervisor has won the respect of the District over the last 5 years. He has honestly handled the situation at Clovelly, always considering the best interests of the Club. Ian Badham has also indicated he will not be seeking the position of Helicopter Director and he must be thanked for his service to Lifesaving within the Branch. Ian's expertise, perseverance and involvement have seen the Sydney Branch Wales Helicopter Rescue Service pioneer and maintain the position as pacesetter for surf and other helicopter rescue services throughout Australia during the past 10 years.

The Branch has supported the Board during the year and assisted with a subsidy to those members selected to act as Officials at the Australian Championships at Moana. John Dewey, Branch Gear Steward, Bill Singleton and Arthur White have kept the Branch's carnival gear in top condition for the benefit of all Clubs holding carnivals. The Board's gear was again looked after by Perce Ainsworth in excellent fashion.

Steve Strange has once again been a backbone to the Board as Secretary and we are indeed fortunate to have people of the calibre of Harry Brown, Frank Osborne, John Wardall and Ron Howells, the Deputy Superintendent, always willing to give that little bit extra.

I would like to congratulate all Members of the Board for sticking to the job and I am sure that with the influx of new Members and an active programme, the Sydney Branch Board of Control can face the future with confidence.

Trevor Elliott
Honorary Superintendent

BOARD OF CONTROL OFFICERS 1949-50 to 1981-82

Season	Superintendent	Deputy Superintendent	Board Secretary	Examination Supervisor	Carnival and Competition Supervisor	Registrar	District Supervisors			
							No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
1949-50	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			T. Moran	G. Johnson	H. Small	V. Williams	G. Wild
1950-51	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			G. Davies	G. Johnson	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	P. Hickman
1951-52	D. Lucas	W. Foerster	A. Castleman			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	B. Cribb	M. Black
1952-53	W. Foerster	L. McDonald	V. Williams			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1953-54	W. Foerster	L. McDonald	V. Williams			G. Davies	J. Vaughan	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1954-55	W. Foerster	J. Marsden	V. Williams			G. Davies R. Simmons	L. Johnson	J. Switzer	K. Flannery	M. Black
1955-56	J. Marsden	A. May	V. Williams			R. Bridges	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	B. Brewin	M. Black
1956-57	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	G. Cavanagh	J. Wardall
1957-58	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	B. Brewin			D. Lucas	O. Hailey	J. Switzer	R. Davey	R. Young
1958-59	J. Marsden	H. McDonald	A. Moseley			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Brewin
1959-60	H. McDonald	J. Vaughan	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	J. Switzer	R. Davey	B. Elliott
1960-61	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Elliott
1961-62	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
1962-63	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Liddle J. Casey	P. Ainsworth	J. Wardall	B. Walker
1963-64	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	J. Casey	P. Ainsworth	A. Kelly	B. Walker
1964-65	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Davison	P. Ainsworth	B. Brewin	J. Young
1965-66	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	F. Osborne	P. Ainsworth	K. Messenger	J. Young
1966-67	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	R. Davison	P. Ainsworth	K. Messenger	J. Young
1967-68	J. Switzer	A. Moseley	J. Vaughan			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	K. Messenger	J. Young
1968-69	A. Moseley	N. Dixon	W. Swingler			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	K. Messenger	J. Young
1969-70	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	W. Swingler			H. Brown	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	J. Casey	J. Young
1970-71	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett			S. Gibson	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	J. Casey	J. Young
1971-72	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett			S. Gibson	W. Winzer	W. Rennie	W. Walton	J. Young
1972-73	A. Moseley	J. Dewey	T. Beckett J. Switzer J. Vaughan			S. Newman	W. Winzer	R. Leix	J. Wardall	J. Young
1973-74	R. Howells	J. Dewey	J. Switzer			S. Newman	W. Winzer	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1974-75	J. Dewey	L. McNamara	J. Switzer			K. English	F. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1975-76	J. Dewey	J. May	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		K. English	F. Osborne	N. Jamieson	J. Wardall	J. Young
1976-77	J. Dewey	K. Messenger	J. Switzer	P. Ainsworth		J. Connolly	F. Osborne	T. Elliott	J. Wardall	P. Quartly
1977-78	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Sargeant	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	F. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1978-79	J. Dewey	J. May	P. Parsons	E. Stephens	J. May	J. Connolly	F. Osborne	T. Elliott	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1979-80	J. May	T. Elliott	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	J. Connolly	F. Osborne	J. Fraser	D. Popplewell	K. Andrews
1980-81	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	E. Stephens	J. Dewey	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	M. Clancy
1981-82	T. Elliott	R. Howells	S. Strange	B. Kelly	R. Day	P. Steenson	F. Osborne	M. Berger	D. Popplewell	J. May

